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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Hiroaki Sekizawa  
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Filed : Concurrently Herewith  
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING THE STATE OF  
A PLURALITY OF MACHINES CONNECTED VIA A  
COMPUTER NETWORK

January 6, 1999

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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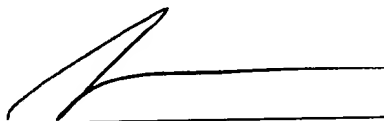
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In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and make the documents of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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